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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 98,714)

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In re Applica	ation of:)
David	d Baunoch, et al.) 5) Croup Art Units 1641
Serial No.:	09/212,367	() Group Art Unit: 1641() Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed :	December 15, 1998)))
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED REPROCESSING OF TISSUE SAMPLES	RECEIVED

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the Verified Statement Claiming Small Business Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and § 1.27(c)) Small Business Concern and Return Receipt Postcard.
- 2. With respect to additional fees:

A. X No additional fee is required.

- 3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- 4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 11th day of January, 2000.

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